## Police probe electrocution of 16-year-old boy in Abuja school

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THE Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Police Command has commenced investigation into the death of Meshack Agaba, a 16-yearold student of Government Science Secondary School. Maitama, Abuja.

Agaba died of electrocution at the school premises on Wednesday February 28.

Confirming the development, spokesperson for the FCT Police Command, losephine Adeh, said the command had begun investigating the incident.

"The case is under investigation. I can't say more about a case that is still under investigation until we conclude the investigation," explained. she The Guardian learnt that the

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way to fetch water from a tap when he accidentally stepped on an electric cable the premises. It was also learnt that the mother of the deceased student took to social media

deceased had been on his to mourn her son who would have turned a year older on March 2.

According to a family source. an electric pole and a cable had been lying in the area before the incident. The source accused the

trying to change the narrative after the police became involved, claiming that the boy had wanted to jump the fence when the cable fell on him. "The management didn't do anything about it. Agaba was trying to fetch water last Wednesday morning; they

normally wake up at about

school's management of

5:00 a.m. to fetch water. "They didn't say what led to the boy's death. They pretended as if it was just a normal thing. Nothing was said about the incident. Since the incident happened, the social media platform of the Parent-Teacher Association has been locked. Parents are not allowed to speak about the incident on that platform. The school is one of the top secondary schools in the FCT.

"The police even came to statement, yesterday, claimed pick up the principal. The the majority of schools in the management lied, saying FCT lack social amenities and that the boy was trying to infrastructure necessary for jump through the fence learning. when the cable fell on him. How could someone who was only covered with a towel state of infrastructural attempt to jump the fence at emergency in public schools that time of the day?" the and immediately rehabilitate source

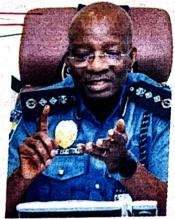
The Vice Principal however. said the fence. iump

Rights Writers Association of Nigeria (HURIWA), called for improved infrastructure in schools.

Emmanuel Onwubiko, in a gunpowder."

The group asked the FCT administration to declare a said. them.

HURIWA alleged: "Even (Administration) of the schools located in the school, Mrs Dogo Suzie, metropolis, such as the the government secondary management did not claim school next to the offices of that the deceased tried to the Nigeria Customs Service and the Federal Road Safety MEANWHILE, a civil rights Commission in Zone 3, are in a very terrible state. Most of these buildings have cracks in their walls, showing that if prompt maintenance works aren't carried out, we might Its national coordinator, just be sitting on a keg of







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